

Editorial

“We haven’t quit.”

By coincidence I happened to be flipping through channels on the boob-tube last night and discovered a show, “Southern Miss Sports Today.” I’ve never seen it before; didn’t know it existed.

It was, in fact, the Todd Monken show. Mr. Monken is the head coach of USM’s football team. USM has had a record two seasons in football, so I was interested. Quite naturally, I was curious how being the worst football team in the country might be presented. So, I stayed and watched.

The focus of this week’s show was last Saturday’s game against Louisiana Tech. The highlights of the game were one play after another. It was very exciting. USM players sacked LT’s quarterback, intercepted passes, picked up fumbles and ran for long yardage, caught passes, kicked field goals, and ran for touchdowns. Quite simply an amazing display of *outstanding* USM football. The highlights absolutely showed USM pounding LT into the ground, play after play. No doubt about it.

At the end of this wonderful performance of exciting and most excellent USM football, the interviewer—Monken wasn’t the only star of the show—quickly and quietly gave the score of the game—kind of under his breath, hardly audible:

LT 36 USM 13

I must have missed something.

Anyway, Coach Monken’s concluding comment was “We haven’t quit.” He must have been referring to the fact that USM’s record the past two seasons is 0 wins and 21 losses.

I wonder if Monken’s \$700,000+ annual salary is supplemented by starring on “Southern Miss Sports Today?”